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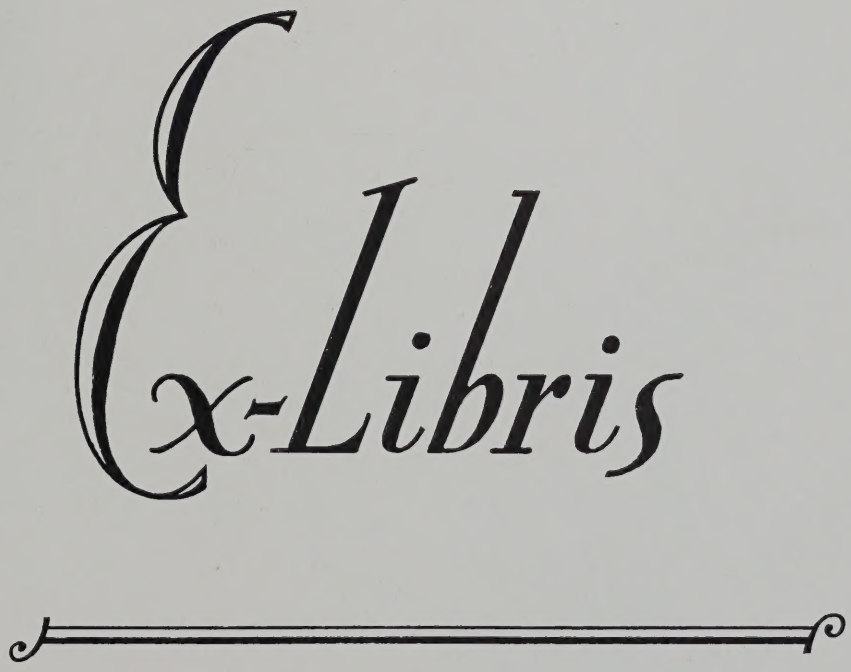
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MILLBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

Dedication

To Miss Miss Margaret Donovan, for her good advice, kindness, and keen interest, we, the class of 1944 of the Millbury High School, dedicate this Aftermath with affection and respect.

Margaret Donovan

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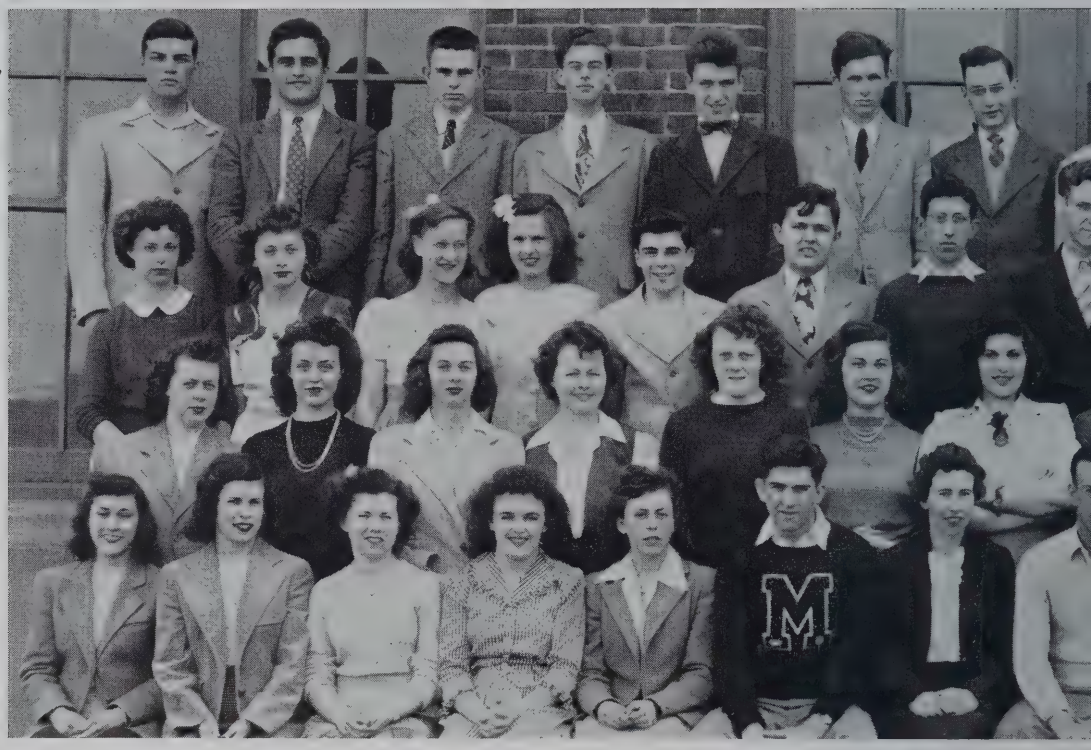

Class Song

Words by Beatrice Stewart

Music by Raymond Cormier

Now our days at Millbury High
Are drawing to a close.
We are rending ties that held
Through our High School days.
To our parents dear, and kind teachers, too,
Gratitude we owe.
We will do our parts, honor in our hearts,
Truth and right, our goal.
May our precious memories
Linger through the years.
Alma Mater—Millbury High,
Farewell, Farewell to thee.

Days are sad o'er all the world
Dark clouds bending low.
Thoughts of those now far away
Fill our hearts with pain.
Brighter days must come, happiness return,
Life again be gay,
Class of '44, may we evermore
Prove our loyalty,
Though the years will come and go,
We will always say,
"Alma Mater—our beloved,
We revere you today."

Class of '44

SENIOR OFFICERS

RALPH DUNN
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Priscilla Gill	Elaine Bailey

Class History

Today marks not only the beginning of our senior week activities but also the closing of four years overflowing with joy and laughter, study and meditation. To some it will be a stepping stone into a new life filled with unusual experiences; for others it will be the conclusion of gay, carefree days. Now, parents and friends of the members of the graduating class, let us go back and review the experiences of the past four years since we entered Millbury High School.

As freshmen we entered high school in September 1940, proud but as inexperienced as our predecessors. We were confronted with many obstacles, such as: finding our classrooms and remembering which stairway was to be used. When we became accustomed to our new surroundings, Mr. Beaton allowed us to elect class officers. Robert Mongilio was elected President; Miriam Latti, Vice-President; Priscilla Gill, Secretary; and William Graves, Treasurer.

Although, as freshmen, we joined many clubs, our lack of ability and our undeveloped minds prevented us from gaining offices which were monopolized by the more skilled upper classmen. This, however, did not perplex us for we knew that we would possess our share of the offices during the next three years.

When Mr. Roach called for football tryouts, Eugene Perron represented our class as manager of the team.

In February we witnessed our first mid-years. We found these exams rather strange and different but we managed to pass them without too many complications.

It was soon spring and the boys were called forth for baseball tryouts. We demonstrated our sportsmanship to the upper classmen by sending Russell Lachapelle and Robert Gilmore, as our candidates. Eugene Perron was also chosen manager of this team.

It was not long before the first year of high school terminated. This really aroused us because each one of us was anticipating a vacation far from books and studies.

When we returned to school in September as sophomores, feeling more grown-up than we did in the previous year, we eagerly tried to gain the respect of the upper classmen and to take part in the social events.

Soon we were back into the routine of study and we immediately proceeded to elect class officers for the year. Those elected were President, Ralph Dunn; Vice-President, Robert Mongilio; Secretary, Priscilla Gill; Treasurer, William Graves.

During this semester we held our own in the various club offices. Joan Hall was Treasurer of the Glee Club and Eugene Perron was elected Librarian. In the French Club Russell Stevens held the position of Vice-President. Robert Mongilio became President of the Biology Club which was newly organized by Mr. Kenary. Miriam Latti was chosen Assistant Editor of the *Reflectorette* in this year.

Mr. Roberts again held football tryouts, and we were pleased at the turnout of such boys as Robert Gilmore, Russell Lachapelle, Ralph Dunn, Francis Gibbons, Roger Vayo, and Roland Lachance. Eugene Perron, our manager, was again on hand for duty.

We were again confronted with mid-year examinations, but this year we considered them less fascinating than in the previous year.

With the opening of the basketball season, Mr. Lacouture selected Russell Lachapelle, Roger Vayo, Robert Gilmore, and Managers Robert Bordeaux and Eugene Perron.

Miss Sullivan selected Virginia May, Katherine O'Connell, Florence Luibauskus, Dorothy Mongeon, Wanda Waskewicz, and Dorothy Cosky for Girls' Basketball.

In the spring Dorothy Mongeon, Rosanna Pescheta, Doris Lynch and Virginia May were among the girls selected by Miss Sullivan for Field Hockey.

Many of the sophomores joined in with the juniors in June to bid the seniors a fond farewell. We then turned our thoughts to summer sports, for our vacation was again upon us.

This year we returned to school as juniors a little wiser and a little older, but we knew there was still a great deal to be learned.

At our first class meeting the election of officers took place. Those chosen were President, Ralph Dunn; Vice-President, Roger Vayo; Secretary, Priscilla Gill; and Treasurer, John Kenney.

As juniors, we were more readily accepted among the rest of the student body and we soon filled many of the offices which our predecessors had possessed.

Robert Mongilio stepped into the position of Assistant Editor of the *Reflector,* and Miriam Latti held the office of Assistant Editor on the *Reflectorette* staff. The office of Vice-President in the French Club was held by Robert Vickery, while the officers of the Biology Club were:

Vice-President, Priscilla Gill, and Secretary, Beverly Marcell.

The football team had a rather successful season this year; it was ardently supported by such players as John Kenney, Robert Gilmore, Russell Lachapelle, Roger Vayo, Norris Corey, Francis Gibbons, David Lynch, and Manager Eugene Perron.

The Boys' Basketball team which was coming more and more into the limelight was vigorously supported by Russell Lachapelle, Roger Vayo, Eugene Perron and Manager Charles Lindberg.

In October a committee was chosen for the purpose of selecting a class ring. The committee, composed of Beverly Marcell, who acted as chairman, Doris Faron, Roger Vayo, William Cummings, David Lynch, Robert Mongilio, and Dorothy Cosky, chose a ring which proved very satisfactory to the class.

Girls' Field Hockey which was increasing in popularity was backed eagerly by Rosanna Pescheta, Virginia May, and Katherine O'Connell.

The boys who appeared on hand for the baseball season were Russell Lachapelle, Paul Gibeau, John Kenney, Ralph Dunn, and Manager, Eugene Perron.

In May an assembly was called by Mr. Beaton, so that we might arrange for a Junior Prom. The committee in charge was composed of Dorothy Cosky, General Chairman and Orchestra; Robert Bordeau, Decorations; Beverly Marcell, Tickets and Invitations; and Frances O'Neil, Refreshments. The Decoration Committee chose a Dutch Garden scene which proved very appropriate as well as attractive.

This was our final farewell to the seniors before vacation; we were glad to see them leave, for we were eagerly awaiting the opportunity to take their places.

After a gay, exciting vacation, we returned to school in September for our last and best year. We started out with our heads high, for we were now dignified seniors, but it was not to last because we soon learned that we were no better than anyone else. Each of us was still required to abide by the rules long since passed.

The first business to be attended to was the election of Senior Class Officers. Ralph Dunn, because of his friendliness and leadership among his classmates, was again chosen President for the third year. Roger Vayo was elected Vice-President; Dorothy Mongeon, Secretary; and John Kenney, Treasurer. John Kenney resigned his position when he went into the U. S. A. A. C. and Rosanna Pescheta assumed his duties as Class Treasurer.

Miriam Latti was now Editor-in-Chief of the *Reflectorette* and Robert Mongilio was made Editor-in-Chief of the *Reflector.*

Roger Vayo was chosen captain of the football team; he was supported by Francis Gibbons, Russell Lachapelle, Ralph Dunn and Manager Eugene Perron. The boys had a successful season tying the game with their Northbridge opponents.

After our mid-year exams in February, we selected our Senior Prom Committee. Doris Lynch had charge of the Orchestra Committee; Doris Faron of Decoration; Barbara Dwinell of Invitations; Bernadine Daley of Tickets. The decorations consisted of a winter carnival setting which was very appropriate for the season.

The basketball team was supported by Captain Russell Lachapelle, Roger Vayo, Eugene Perron, David Lynch, and Donald Lucas. The Millbury boys shocked their opponents and fans by winning the Blackstone Valley League Championship which has not been won by Millbury in many years.

Virginia May was captain of the Girls' Basketball team; other players were Katherine O'Connell, Wanda Waskiewicz and Dorothy Cosky. Although the girls did not have a very victorious season they enjoyed playing just the same.

The seniors now turned to the arrangements for class pictures, a D. A. R. girl, and an Aftermath Committee.

In December a Picture Committee composed of Chairman Beverly Marcell, William Cummings, Doris Faron, Alice Braney, Doris Lynch, and Joan Hall selected Bushong Studio for the class pictures.

In February the seniors were sorry to see one of its fine members, John Kenney, depart for the Army Air Corps. John was a great sport and he has been greatly missed by his friends.

Beatrice Stewart was voted the D. A. R. representative on the basis of leadership, dependability, good fellowship and trustworthiness.

Russell Lachapelle entered the Navy in March to the sorrow of his classmates. Russell has been very active in sports for four years. The basketball team held a banquet to show their appreciation for Russell.

In April Mr. Beaton announced the Honor Students as follows: Robert Mongilio, Valedictorian; Miriam Latti, Salutatorian; Shirley Caisse, first Honor Student; William Cummings, second Honor Student.

The seniors then held a meeting to vote for the Class Day Speakers. Those chosen were Historian, Dorothy Cosky; Prophet, Francis Vallaincourt; Statistician, Dorothy Mongeon; Omissions and Corrections, Bernadine Daley; Testator, Robert Vickery; and Giver of Gifts, Theodore Doucette.

Robert Mongilio was chosen Editor-in-Chief of the AFTERMATH. Miriam Latti and Dorothy Mongeon were selected to assist him. Advertising was placed in charge of Ernest Chevalier.

Mr. Jannery called the baseball team together in April; those chosen from the senior class were Ralph Dunn, Paul Gibeau, Roger Vago, Donald Lucas, and Manager Eugene Perron.

For the remainder of the year, the seniors were busy taking care of all the details which make Class Day and Commencement a long remembered event. In the hectic days of May, most of us were oblivious of the sadness that was gradually bearing down upon us.

But after the excitement of senior week activities subsides, we shall look at our high school career in an objective way, and we shall realize the honest effort which we must make to fulfill the promise which we make in our motto: "Today we follow; tomorrow we lead."

DOROTHY COSKY.

Address of Welcome ★

Parents, Teachers, Classmates, and Friends:

We, the class of nineteen hundred forty-four, are assembled here to celebrate one of the major milestones in our lives. Having completed our high school career, we must now adjust ourselves to a world that is seething with unrest and destruction. Many of us will be called upon in the near future to do our part in that struggle which has so engulfed mankind. But today, however, for one brief moment we are not so concerned about the future as we are with the past. We are going to turn time backwards to four years ago and retrace the four most carefree, most happy years that we shall probably ever know—our four years in Millbury High School.

We are grateful in no small measure to our parents who, in their unselfishness and interest in us, urged us to complete our high school education. Likewise, we are grateful to our principal and to the members of the faculty who encouraged and guided us along the way.

With these thoughts foremost in my mind, I, in behalf of the class of nineteen hundred forty-four, invite you to join with us in observing our Class Day.

RALPH DUNN.

Class Prophecy

Well, I finally got my job in New York and in a few minutes I'll be there. As I was getting off the train, I noticed Eugene Perron and Elaine Bailey, who were newlyweds, and who said they were going to Millbury for their honeymoon. Getting off the train with all my baggage, I called for a cab and after getting in I noticed that the driver was Ronald Gilbert. We talked about the years way back in '44. He put on the radio and I could hear: "Listen tomorrow to 'Shall I marry again?' with Filomena Eramo." He left me at the Honky Tonk Hotel where I found Raymond McLaughlin washing the big sign. Raymond Cormier wrote my name in the book and called for his head bellhop, Paul Zuidema, to show me to my room. As I was unpacking my clothes, I heard a lot of noise in the hallway and when I went to see what was going on, I saw Roger Vayo and Francis Gibbons quarreling to see which one was going to call on the famous tobacco heiress Gloria Cuthbertson; but in a few seconds, Donald Lucas, the house detective, came and stopped the fighting and sent the two playboys out. While I was in the hallway I met Alfred Rodgers and Robert Gilmore, two well known bachelors, who came to my room. They told me that Tommy Maloney and Dot Kruger were living in the penthouse way up on the roof.

Well, I still have a few days before I start to work so the next day I decided to take a walk down Main Street and see if there was anyone else I knew. Walking down the street, I noticed an exquisite beauty parlor which was owned by Doris Lynch and Beverly Marcell. Not trying to be too curious I peeked in and there was Miriam Latti having her hair waved while Robert Mongilio, her husband, who was waiting for her, was having a manicure given by Dorothy Mongeon. Down the street I noticed a large crowd waiting in line to see "I Love 'Em and Leave 'Em" with that dashing star, Theodore Doucette, accompanied by Rosanna Pescheta. The second feature was "The Texas Bad Boy" with that daring two-fisted cowboy, Bill Cummings and his horse. In the chorus line I saw Frances O'Neil and Gloria Letendre who had on some very flashy slacks. They told me they had come from Ralph Christian's grease shop and wanted to see the picture so badly that they did not have time to change. Just then I saw Robert Bordeau's tow truck towing Dot Cosky's wrecked car to the garage. Later I found out that Dot was testing racing cars for the Ford Motor Company. This certainly was an exciting day for I met May Jordan, Claire Turgeon, and Wanda Waskiewicz, who were all going to Robert Vickery's farewell party; they told me he was going to join the Foreign Legion. When I inquired as to what had happened they told me that he had been secretly in love with Joan Hall, but when Ernest Chevalier finally married Joan, Vickery just couldn't stand losing her.

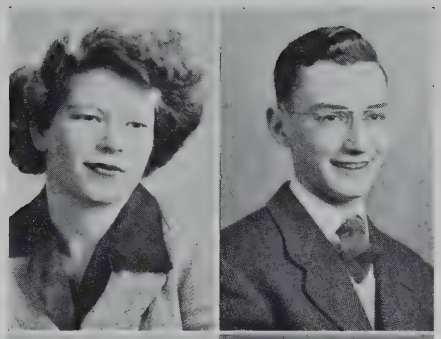
Everything seemed to be happening today and with the hot sun shining on me I began to feel dizzy and I, not thinking clearly, started to cross the street. The next thing I knew I was in a clean white bed and when I looked up, I saw Norris Corey, Barbara Graves, and three cute little children. They told me that they were going to the beach with their children when I walked out in front of the car. Then in came two nurses who turned out to be Doris Faron and Ann Burinsky. They took my pulse and brought me in some delicious food; then Ralph Dunn, the doctor, came in. Ralph is quite a doctor; he has a record of curing

everything from cats to human beings. After a few hours, the doctor said I could go, for I was only shaken up a little. It was a beautiful hospital and in one of the rooms I could see the Reverend Russell Lachapelle, who was cheering John Kenney who had become the father of quadruplets. Russell told me that after the war he decided to forget all about women and enter the religious life. I was still in the hospital for I wasn't quite sure of how to get out. In a few seconds I saw three well-dressed girls, Shirley Caisse, Beatrice Stewart, and Virginia May, come running down the hall. Shirley is a famous chemist and has just discovered how to make gunpowder out of rose petals; Virginia is a flight nurse with the Army Air Corps; and Beatrice teaches English at Millbury High School.

I didn't know what the excitement was and when I saw Helen Cosky come out next, I stopped her and asked her what was happening "Don't tell me you don't know?" she said. "Well, the king of the drums, Paul Gibeau, sprained his fingers one night playing the drums and after that he could not play for two weeks, but the doctor said that he could resume playing." Well I finally found my way out and was tired of walking so I got the next bus that was heading down my way. When I got on the bus, sure enough it was a woman driver and none other than Angie Pichierri. I noticed that she was sitting on three or four pillows. I found myself a seat way down in the back and tried to have a good rest, but up front talking with Angie was Katherine O'Connel who had on the silliest hat you ever saw, and every time Angie passed a hat store she would stop to let Katherine look the hats over.

Well I finally got back to the hotel, but I didn't know whether I was glad or not, for there was a large crowd in front of the hotel. Getting a glimpse of what was going on, I saw Barbara Dwinell selling all kinds of souvenirs from Germany. Later I was told that Barbara had been a member of the WAC during the war and she was the first one to land in Germany. I made my way in the hotel but I could not get an elevator for all the elevator boys were talking to the new pin-up girl of New York. I might have known she would be that charming and dazzling Claire Dupont. After walking up those twenty flights of stairs, I was really tired and before I could close the door, a bellboy brought in the daily paper. I was really too tired to read it but when I saw the headlines "Betty Low Witter Ruins the Cooking Contest" I decided it was worth reading. Upon looking further, I saw a picture of Nancy Winter and Priscilla Gill shaking hands. *The caption under the pictures said,* "The two celebrities have finally landed a job in Hollywood and will leave just as soon as possible." They are leaving for the same studio which made Bernardine Daley and Janet Smith very popular. On the same page was an announcement of the marriage between Rita Gauvin and Ernie Fjellman. They will have their reception at the famous *"Society Club"* owned by Eileen Graves. There wasn't much more in the paper so I decided to go to bed, but when I was in bed I just couldn't help thinking of my classmates and the way they turned out. But still I wasn't too surprised for one could not understand the good old class of '44.

FRANCIS VAILLANCOURT.



ELAINE E. BAILEY

Reflector 2; Biology Club 2; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Prom Committee 3, 4; Honor Student.

RALPH F. CHRISTIAN

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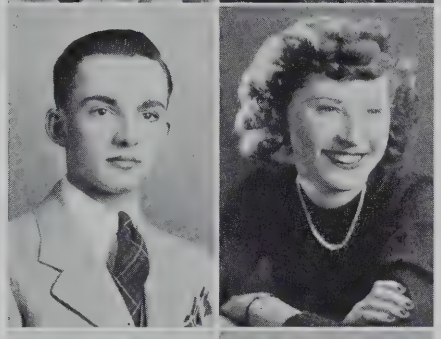

ROBERT T. BORDEAUX

Reflectorette 1; Basketball 1, 2; Stamp Club 1, 2; Prom Committee 3, 4.

HELEN F. COFSKY

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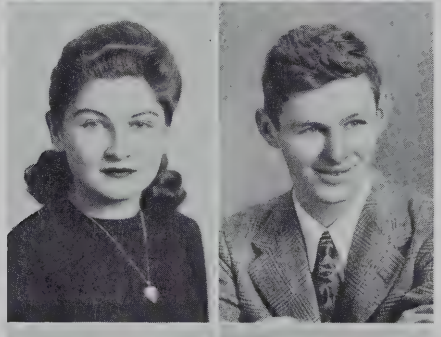
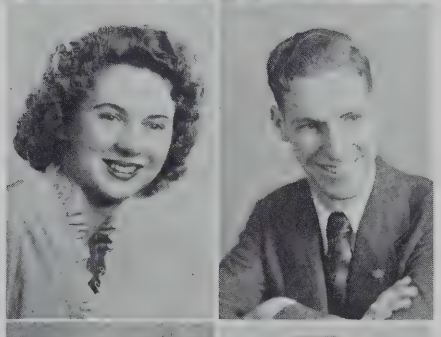


ANNE A. BURINSKY

Glee Club 1; Reflector 4.

NORRIS H. COREY

Football 2, 3, 4; Biology Club 2; Prom Committee 3.



SHIRLEY M. CAISSE

Class Secretary 3; Reflector 3, 4; Aftermath 4; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Dramatic Club Officer 4; Prom Committee 3, 4; Honor Student.

RAYMOND A. CORMIER

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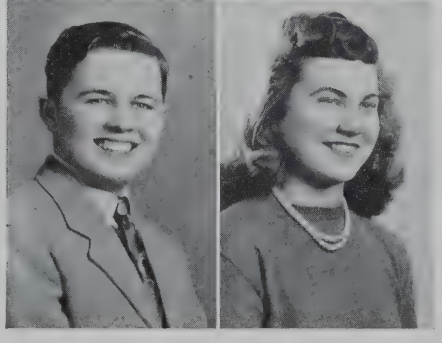

ERNEST R. CHEVALIER

Dramatic Club 4; School Play 4; Prom Committee 4; Chairman of Advertising Committee 4.

DOROTHY M. COSKY

Reflectorette 4; Basketball 2, 4; Biology Club 2, 3; Dramatic Club 2, 3; Glee Club 3; Prom Committee 3, 4; Ring Committee 3; Class Day Speaker; Honor Student.

WILLIAM J. CUMMINGS

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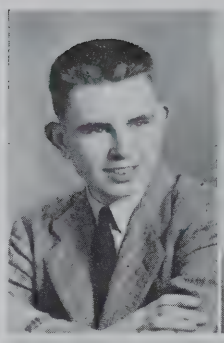

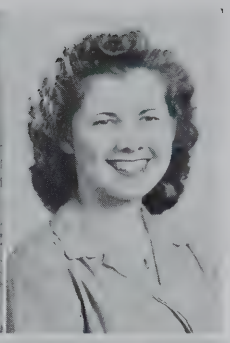

CLAIRE E. DUPONT

Reflector 1; Reflectorette 1; Dramatic Club 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2.

GLORIA R. CUTHBERTSON

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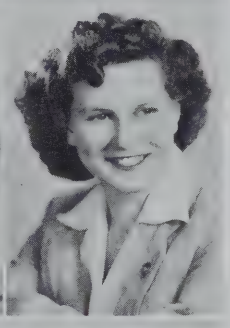


BARBARA M. DWINELL

Reflectorette 3, 4; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3, 4; Honor Student.

BERNADINE A. DALEY

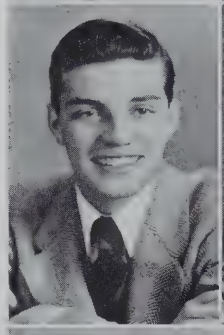
Reflectorette 3, 4; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 1, 2; Glee Club 3; Prom Committee 3, 4; Class Day Speaker.

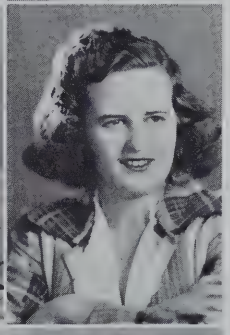
FILOMENA ERAMO

Reflector 4; Reflectorette 4; Dramatic Club 2.

THEODORE F. DOUCETTE

Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Class Day Speaker.





DORIS T. FARON

Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Picture Committee 4; Prom Committee 3, 4; Ring Committee 3.

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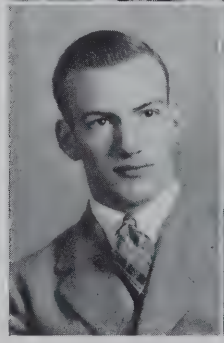

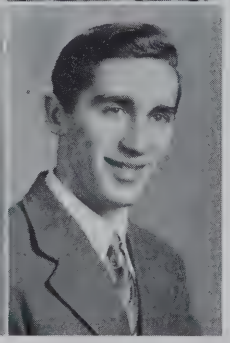

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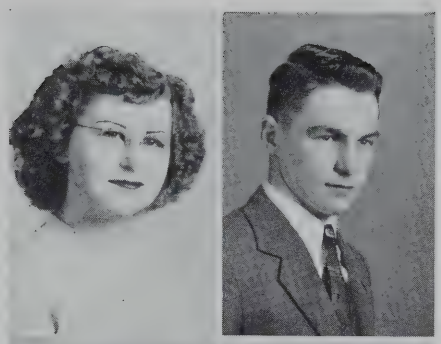

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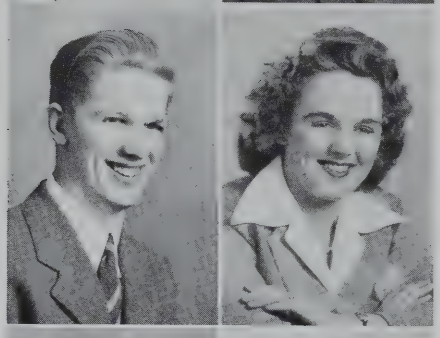
ROBERT E. GILMORE

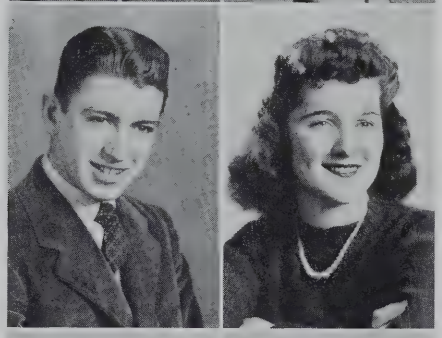
Football 2, 3, 4; Biology Club 2; Dramatic Club 2; French Club 2.



FRANCIS GIBBONS

BARBARA M. GRAVES

Biology Club 3; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; School Play 2.

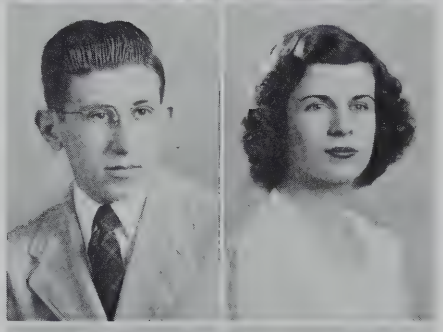


PAUL M. GIBEAU

Aftermath 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3; French Club 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Orchestra 3, 4; Prom Committee 3, 4.

EDITH E. GRAVES

Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; French Club 3.



RONALD E. GILBERT

HAZEL J. HALL

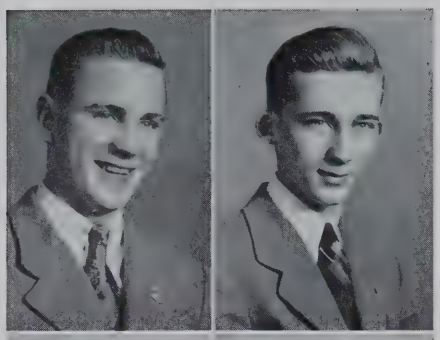
Biology Club 3; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3; Picture Committee 4; Prom Committee 3, 4.

PRISCILLA O. GILL

Class Secretary 1, 2; Reflectorette 4; Biology Club 2; Dramatic Club 1, 2; Honor Student.

MARY J. JORDAN

Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3.

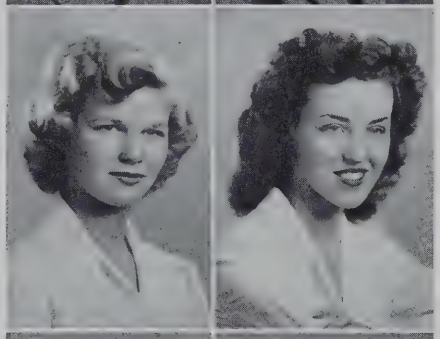


JOHN J. KENNEY

Class Treasurer 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3; Football 3, 4; Prom Committee 3.

DONALD E. LUCAS

Reflector Staff 2, 4; Aftermath 4; Basketball 4; Football 4; Dramatic Club 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2.

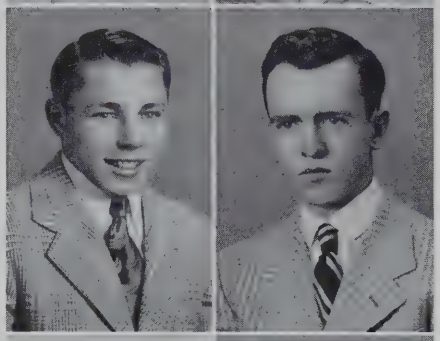


DOROTHY L. KRUGER

Cheer Leader 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3; Prom Committee 3.

DORIS T. LYNCH

Reflector 4; Reflectorette 4; Field Hockey 1, 2; Biology Club 3; Glee Club 2; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Picture Committee 4; Prom Committee 3, 4.



RUSSELL J. LACHAPELLE

Reflector 4; Reflectorette 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3.

THOMAS H. MALONEY

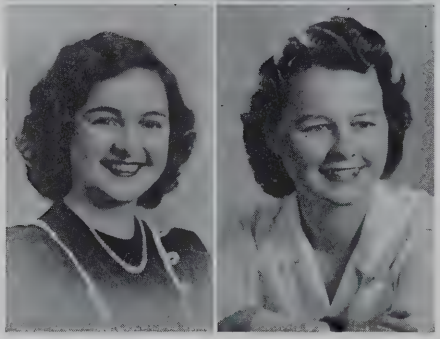
Prom Committee 3, 4; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3.

INA M. LATTI

Class Vice-President 1; Reflectorette 1, 2, 3, 4; Aftermath 4; Dramatic Club 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Salutatorian.

BEVERLY A. MARCELL

Biology Club 3; Secretary of Biology Club 3; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3; Picture Committee 4; Prom Committee 3, 4; Ring Committee 3.

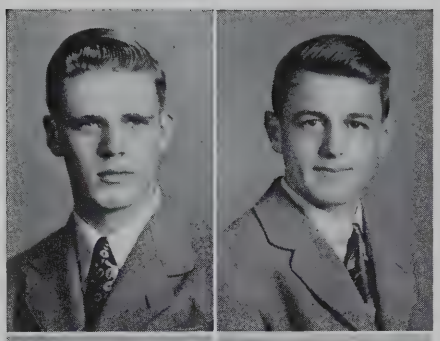


GLORIA R. LETENDRE

Biology Club 1; Dramatic Club 2.

VIRGINIA M. MAY

Aftermath 4; Basketball (Captain) 4; Field Hockey 2, 3; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 2.



RAYMOND C. McLAUGHLIN

Biology Club 2; Dramatic Club 1, 2.

EUGENE F. PERRON

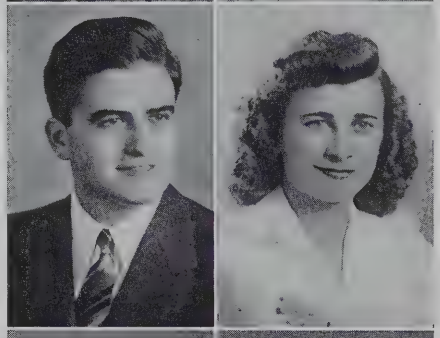
Reflector 4; Reflectorette 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 4; Football (Manager) 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Glee Club Officer 2; Prom Committee 3.

DOROTHY MONGEON

Secretary 4; Aftermath 4; Basketball 1, 2; Field Hockey 1, 2; Biology Club 2; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3; Prom Committee 3, 4; Class Day Speaker.

ROSANNA M. PESCHETA

Treasurer 4; Reflector 3, 4; Reflectorette 3, 4; Aftermath 4; Basketball (Manager) 4; Field Hockey 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-President of Dramatic Club 4; Prom Committee 3, 4.



ROBERT A. MONGILIO

President 1; Vice-President 2; Reflector 1, 2, 3, 4; Aftermath 4; Biology Club 2; French Club 2; Glee Club 2; Biology Club Officer 2; Prom Committee 3, 4; Ring Committee 3; Valedictorian.

ANGELINA R. PICHIERRI

Biology Club 3; Dramatic Club 4.

KATHERINE J. O'CONNELL

Basketball 2, 4; Field Hockey 3; Biology Club 3; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 3.

ALFRED J. RODGERS

Reflectorette 4; Biology Club 2; Glee Club 1.

EDITH F. O'NEILL

Glee Club 2, 3; Prom Committee 3, 4.

JANET L. SMITH

BEATRICE A. STEWART

Reflector 3, 4; Aftermath 4; Biology Club 3; Honor Student; D. A. R. Girl.

ROBERT C. VICKERY

Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3; Stamp Club 1, 2; Club Officer (French Club); Last Will and Testament.

CLAIRE A. TURGEON

Reflector 4; Reflectorette 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3.

WANDA WASKIEWICZ

Basketball 4; Biology Club 2; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4.

FRANCIS R. VAILLANCOURT

Reflectorette 4; Dramatic Club 3; Glee Club 3; Stamp Club 1, 2, 3; Prophecy; Honor Student.

NANCY C. WINTER

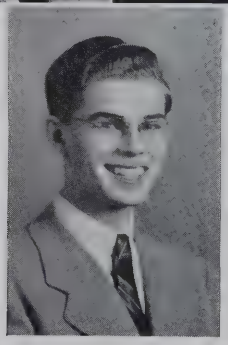
Reflector 1, 2, 4; Reflectorette 4; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3; French Club 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3.

ROGER F. VAYO

Vice-President 3, 4; Reflector 4; Reflectorette 4; Aftermath 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3, 4; Ring Committee 3.

ELIZABETH L. WITTER

Biology Club 3; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Prom Committee 4.



PAUL A. ZUIDEMA

Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3.

Class Statistics

ELAINE BAILEY (Red)
Address: West Main Street
Favorite Expression: "Murder!"
Ambition: To have an ambition
Favorite Pastime: Going out with Dewey
Favorite Song: "I couldn't Sleep a Wink Last Night"

ROBERT BORDEAUX (Bob)
Address: Sutton
Favorite Expression: "Oh, I haven't got the time"
Ambition: To marry a farmer's daughter
Favorite Pastime: Dating the girls from Sutton
Favorite Song: "Down on the Farm"

ANN BURINSKY (Annie)
Address: Tainter Hill
Favorite Expression: "Hiya, Chicken!"
Ambition: To join the WAC
Favorite Pastime: Talking
Favorite Song: "I'll be Around"

SHIRLEY CAISSE (Shirl)
Address: High Street
Favorite Expression: "Isn't he cute?"
Ambition: To be a Navy man's wife
Favorite Pastime: Looking for that certain sailor
Favorite Song: "Here Comes the Navy"

ERNEST CHEVALIER (Ernie)
Address: Canal Street
Favorite Expression: "It's a photostartel jon!"
Ambition: To make Joan happy
Favorite Pastime: Going to see Joan
Favorite Song: "My Shining Hour"

RALPH CHRISTIAN
Address: North Main Street
Favorite Expression: "He's hep!"
Ambition: To teach others to dance his way
Favorite Pastime: Dancing
Favorite Song: "Arthur Murray Taught Me Dancing in a Hurry"

HELEN COFSKY (Queenie)
Address: Durham Road
Favorite Expression: "I got seven letters today"
Ambition: To be a nurse
Favorite Pastime: Writing letters
Favorite Song: "I Wish That I Could Hide Inside This Letter"

NORRIS COREY (Core)
Address: Prospect Street
Favorite Expression: "Holy Mackerel"
Ambition: To succeed Einstein
Favorite Pastime: Beating rugs
Favorite Song: "Don't Believe Everything You Dream"

RAYMOND CORMIER (Ray)
Address: North Main Street
Favorite Expression: "Have you heard that new song?"
Ambition: To become a millionaire
Favorite Pastime: Collecting new records
Favorite Song: "I've Heard That Song Before"

DOROTHY COSKY (Dot)
Address: Main Street
Favorite Expression: "Don't be funny"
Ambition: To get out of Millbury
Favorite Pastime: Hanging around
Favorite Song: "Time on My Hands"

WILLIAM CUMMINGS (Bill)
Address: Prospect Street
Favorite Expression: "Same difference"
Ambition: To be a success in medical school
Favorite Pastime: Building model airplanes
Favorite Song: "Little Did I Know"

GLORIA CUTHBERTSON (Glo)
Address: High Street
Favorite Expression: "Yes, dear"
Ambition: To be anything but an old maid
Favorite Pastime: Writing to soldiers.
Favorite Song: "Sweetheart, Good-bye"

BERNADINE DALEY (Dinnie)
Address: Gould Street
Favorite Expression: "I saw the kids from the village"
Ambition: To get that certain Swede
Favorite Pastime: Talking about the men
Favorite Song: "My Heart Tells Me"

THEODORE DOUCETTE (Teddy)
Address: Grafton Street
Favorite Expression: "She's beautiful"
Ambition: To succeed Clark Gable
Favorite Pastime: Talking to Bessy, the dog
Favorite Song: "The Music Stopped"

Class Statistics

RALPH DUNN (Ralphie)
Address: Lincoln Avenue
Favorite Expression: "Too young"
Ambition: To build a bowling alley of his own
Favorite Pastime: Walking to school with Bev
Favorite Song: "I Saw You First"

CLAIRE DUPONT
Address: Millbury Avenue
Favorite Expression: "Oh, gee!"
Ambition: To become president of the Cooperative Bank"
Favorite Pastime: Bowling
Favorite Song: "Paper Doll"

BARBARA DWINELL (Barb)
Address: High Street
Favorite Expression: "Mama, buy me that"
Ambition: To be a stenographer
Favorite Pastime: Dancing at the Polish Club
Favorite Song: "Victory Polka"

FILOMENA ERAMO (Phil)
Address: Croyden Street
Favorite Expression: "Buzz off"
Ambition: To get a six footer in the Marines
Favorite Pastime: Working in the United Public Market
Favorite Song: "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning"

DORIS FARON (Dot)
Address: Rhodes Street
Favorite Expression: "Oh, stop it!"
Ambition: To be a telephone operator
Favorite Pastime: Going out with Barrett
Favorite Song: "You'll Never Know"

ERNEST FJELLMAN (Ernie)
Address: West Millbury
Favorite Expression: "Holy Cow"
Ambition: To join the Navy and see the world
Favorite Pastime: Milking cows
Favorite Song: "I Only Want a Buddy Not a Sweetheart"

RITA GAUVIN
Address: Elm Street
Favorite Expression: "What am I supposed to say?"
Ambition: To be a professional bugler
Favorite Pastime: Visiting the Army camps with the Drum Corps
Favorite Song: Taps

FRANCIS GIBBONS (Gib)
Address: Grafton Street
Favorite Expression: "I'm too tired"
Ambition: To strike a gold mine
Favorite Pastime: Loafing
Favorite Song: "Whistle While You Work"

PAUL GIBEAU (Gib)
Address: Cherry Street
Favorite Expression: "How much do you wanna bet?"
Ambition: To be the greatest drummer in the world
Favorite Pastime: Teasing the girls
Favorite Song: "Besame Mucho"

RONALD GILBERT (Gil)
Address: Wheelock Avenue
Favorite Expression: "Oh, what a night"
Ambition: To be able to fly a B-17
Favorite Pastime: Walking down Grafton Street
Favorite Song: "The Man on the Flying Trapeze"

PRISCILLA GILL (Pussy)
Address: Grafton Street
Favorite Expression: "I gotta write to Al tonight"
Ambition: To be a riveter
Favorite Pastime: Going to the movies with Bea
Favorite Song: "Stardust"

ROBERT GILMORE (Bob)
Address: North Main Street
Favorite Expression: "Oh, that's not right"
Ambition: To learn to speak French
Favorite Pastime: Anything but studying
Favorite Song: "My Ideal"

BARBARA GRAVES (Barb)
Address: Marion Avenue
Favorite Expression: "Are you kidding?"
Ambition: To find a short cut to West Millbury
Favorite Pastime: Making plans with Nancy
Favorite Song: "I Love You"

EILEEN GRAVES (Swede)
Address: Wheelock Avenue
Favorite Expression: "I'll break your arm"
Ambition: To make that flyer happy
Favorite Pastime: Writing letters
Favorite Song: "Army Air Corps Song"

Class Statistics

JOAN HALL
Address: West Street
Favorite Expression: "What if we get caught?"
Ambition: To learn how to use big words
Favorite Pastime: Making up excuses
Favorite Song: "You Made Me Love You"

MARY JORDAN (Mae)
Address: Tainter Hill
Favorite Expression: "Where's Annie?"
Ambition: To get married
Favorite Pastime: Looking for the right one
Favorite Song: "Someday My Prince Will Come"

JOHN KENNY
Address: West Main Street
Favorite Expression: "You sure can"
Ambition: To be an expert radio man
Favorite Pastime: Hiding from the girls
Favorite Song: "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning"

DOROTHY KRUGER (Dot)
Address: Manor Road
Favorite Expression: "I don't get it"
Ambition: To make a good wife
Favorite Pastime: Doing dishes
Favorite Song: "Pack Up Your Troubles"

RUSSELL LACHAPELLE (Conk)
Address: West Main Street
Favorite Expression: "We don't know; he doesn't talk much"
Ambition: To play baseball with the Yankees
Favorite Pastime: Taking part in sports
Favorite Song: "When They Ask About You"

MIRIAM LATTI (Midge)
Address: Park Hill Avenue
Favorite Expression: "He's crazy"
Ambition: To write a book
Favorite Pastime: Dancing
Favorite Song: "Here you Are"

GLORIA LETENDRE (Glo)
Address: Millbury Avenue
Favorite Expression: "Say, Mr. Shaw"
Ambition: To be Mr. Shaw's assistant
Favorite Pastime: Working in Ruskin's store
Favorite Song: "There'll Soon Be a Rainbow"

DONALD LUCAS (Luke)
Address: Maple Street
Favorite Expression: "Oh, for cryin' out loud"
Ambition: To win some money
Favorite Pastime: Visiting the Academy
Favorite Song: "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?"

DORIS LYNCH (Dot)
Address: South Main Street
Favorite Expression: "Is Roger over the center?"
Ambition: To live happily ever after
Favorite Pastime: Making up with Roger
Favorite Song: "I'll Be Seeing You"

THOMAS MALONEY (Tom)
Address: West Main Street
Favorite Expression: "She's a good kid, but who likes kids"
Ambition: To settle down and marry Dot
Favorite Pastime: Traveling to the Pond
Favorite Song: "Be Honest With Me"

BEVERLY MARCELL (Bev)
Address: Lincoln Avenue
Favorite Expression: "It's for the morale of the team"
Ambition: To decide between Rudy and Tyke
Favorite Pastime: Setting the clock back
Favorite Song: "Oh, Promise Me"

VIRGINIA MAY (Ginny)
Address: Sycamore Street
Favorite Expression: "Oh, no"
Ambition: To be a nun
Favorite Pastime: Trying to be a saint
Favorite Song: "Coming In on a Wing and a Prayer"

RAYMOND McLAUGHLIN (Mac)
Address: Millbury Avenue
Favorite Expression: "What's it to ya?"
Ambition: To be a Pharmacist's Mate 1/c
Favorite Pastime: Going to farewell parties
Favorite Song: "Good-bye, Now"

DOROTHY MONGEON (Dot)
Address: Park Hill Avenue
Favorite Expression: "No, you can't see them"
Ambition: To be a nurse
Favorite Pastime: Flirting
Favorite Song: "Let's Pretend"

ROBERT MONGILIO (Bob)
Address: North Main Street
Favorite Expression: "It's immaterial to me"
Ambition: To be a success
Favorite Pastime: Studying
Favorite Song: "Mairzy Doats"

KATHERINE O'CONNELL (Kate)
Address: Liberty Heights
Favorite Expression: "Here comes a B-17"
Ambition: To be able to drive the East Millbury fire team
Favorite Pastime: Writing to John
Favorite Song: "Oh, Johnny"

Class Statistics

FRANCES O'NEILL (Fran)
Address: Millbury Avenue
Favorite Expression: "You drip"
Ambition: To get out nights
Favorite Pastime: Dreaming
Favorite Song: "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling"

EUGENE PERRON (Doc)
Address: Sycamore Street
Favorite Expression: "I'll tell the coach on you"
Ambition: To succeed Mr. Favulli
Favorite Pastime: Reviving the players
Favorite Song: "No Love, No Nothing"

ROSANNA PESCHETA (Rose)
Address: North Main Street
Favorite Expression: "Heavens to Betsy"
Ambition: To make a good stenographer
Favorite Pastime: Collecting senior class dues
Favorite Song: "Long Ago and Far Away"

ANGELINA PICHIERRI (Angie)
Address: North Main Street
Favorite Expression: "Has anyone seen Dave?"
Ambition: To make everybody happy
Favorite Pastime: Looking for Dave
Favorite Song: "He's My Guy"

ALFRED RODGERS (Al)
Address: North Main Street
Favorite Expression: "What do you mean?"
Ambition: To be a bachelor
Favorite Pastime: Dodging girls
Favorite Song: "Don't Sweetheart Me"

JANET SMITH (Smitty)
Address: South Main Street
Favorite Expression: "Do you see what I see?"
Ambition: To retire
Favorite Pastime: Spending her time at Dominic's
Favorite Song: "This Can't Be Love"

BEATRICE STEWART (Bea)
Address: West Street
Favorite Expression: "Oh, for gosh sakes"
Ambition: To become a teacher
Favorite Pastime: Writing to Bill
Favorite Song: "I'm Saving Myself for Bill"

CLAIRE TURGEON (Turg)
Address: Water Street
Favorite Expression: "Gloria, I got a letter today"
Ambition: To be a good piano player
Favorite Pastime: Playing records
Favorite Song: "Sunday, Monday, or Always"

FRANCIS VAILLANCOURT (Peanuts)
Address: Main Street
Favorite Expression: "Heck! No!"
Ambition: To be a pilot
Favorite Pastime: Taking care of Chilly
Favorite Song: "This Is a Lovely Way to Spend an Evening"

ROBERT VICKERY (Vic)
Address: Church Street
Favorite Expression: "Will you get out of here?"
Ambition: To be owner of Pierce's Hardware Store
Favorite Pastime: Writing English compositions
Favorite Song: "I'll Get By"

ROGER VAYO (Rog)
Address: Elm Street
Favorite Expression: "You're dumb"
Ambition: To be able to take orders
Favorite Pastime: Arguing
Favorite Song: "It's Love, Love, Love"

WANDA WASKIEWICZ (Pennie)
Address: Auburn Road
Favorite Expression: "Oh, Helen!"
Ambition: To be a laboratory technician
Favorite Pastime: Talking on the telephone
Favorite Song: "All the Things You Are"

NANCY WINTER (Nan)
Address: Stone Road, West Millbury
Favorite Expression: "Where's Barbara?"
Ambition: To get her license
Favorite Pastime: Traveling to Auburn
Favorite Song: "You Are My Sunshine"

ELIZABETH WITTER (Betty Lou)
Address: West Main Street
Favorite Expression: "Well, it's like this"
Ambition: To be a medical secretary
Favorite Pastime: Working at Hahnemann Hospital
Favorite Song: "Look for the Silver Lining"

PAUL ZUIDEMA (Zeke)
Address: Burbank Street
Favorite Expression: "Women!"
Ambition: To become a song and dance man
Favorite Pastime: Riding horseback
Favorite Song: "Shoo-Shoo Baby"

Last Will and Testament

We, the Senior Class of Millbury High School, being of sound mind, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all bequests formerly made by us.

1. To Mr. Shea we leave the happy thought that most of the East Millbury students are graduating.

2. To Mr. Beaton we leave an assembly hall large enough to seat the whole school when he calls an essembly.

3. To Mr. Shaw we leave, in his loving care, another class of seniors.

4. To Miss Burns we leave a book entitled, "How to Teach Students to Appreciate Shakespeare Painlessly."

5. To Miss Grogan we leave some girls that will pick up all the papers in the girls' dressing room.

6. To Miss Walsh we leave a policeman's badge so that she may slow down the boys as they go down the stairs after the last bell.

7. To Miss O'Leary we leave another office practice class that will work as hard as this year's class has.

8. To Miss Marlborough we leave a cage in which to keep her biological specimens so that they won't be walking around loose in the lab.

9. To Miss Brown we leave fond remembrances of Iver Jernstrom.

10. To Mr. Jannery we leave a new Ford which will be large enough to bring all the pupils from Bramanville to school every morning.

11. To Mrs. Chase we leave a math class that will really keep their minds right on the subject.

12. To Miss Donovan we leave Harold Blanchard to tell her his favorite fish stories.

13. To Miss Cassidy we leave a skeleton key which will open the door to Room I.

14. To Mr. Kinniery we leave the book entitled, "Bringing Up Baby."

15. To Mr. Ela we leave a private railroad line between the high school and the manual training building so his pupils may be on time for classes.

16. To Miss Massei we leave a modern kitchen so that she may prepare bigger and better lunches for the faculty.

17. To Mr. McGinn we leave a second Teddy Doucette so that he won't become lonely next year.

18. To Miss Bowe we leave a drummer to take Paul Gibeau's place in her future high school orchestras.

19. To Mr. Platts we leave an automatic heat regulator that will really keep all the rooms at the same temperature.

20. To Miss Sullivan we leave some girls who can always find their gym suits.

21. To Bob Lange and Bill Murphy we leave a soundproof closet in which to do their so-called "studying" sixth period.

22. To Roland Shephard we leave another championship basketball team on which to play.

23. To Richard Brady we leave a bowling alley and a team that can defeat Ralph Dunn's team.

24. To Ray Hunt we leave a birth certificate proving he is seventeen so that he may joint the Navy with Teddy.

25. To Harold Blanchard we leave a well-stocked trout stream so he may fish to his heart's content.

26. To Peter Ducharme we leave an inexhaustible supply of cookies.

27. To Raymond Grandone we leave a set of curlers so his hair may never lose its attractive wave.

28. To Virginia Lynch we leave a bottle of red hair tint in case she should find a grey hair.

29. To Eleanor Little we leave a pair of roller skates so she may travel back and forth to Shrewsbury.

30. To Dorothy Vayo and Norma Fontaine we leave enough gossip to talk over while they are doing their French.

31. To Arthur Norton we leave a math book which will always be turned to the right page when Mrs. Chase calls on him.

32. To Dave Lynch, Robert Bordeaux wishes to leave a personal gift of a Ford which will always run and never need to be pushed.

Last Will and Testament

33. To Betty Paquette we leave the title of "Favorite Pin Up Girl of the Aeronautics Class."

34. To Raymond Baillargeon we leave a private pilot's license so he may take his dream girl for a ride.

35. To Iver Jernstrom and Beatrice Gillert we leave the title of Millbury High's best known couple.

36. To Gloria Hunt we leave the title of Miss M. H. S. of 1946.

37. To Joe Budreau we leave a French book that has all the translations.

38. To Fred Carter we leave a supply of flashy woolrich shirts with suspenders to match.

39. To Mary Harris we leave enough stationery so she may write to all the senior boys entering the service.

40. To all the freshman, sophomore and junior girls we leave full custody of the mirror as Barbara Graves is graduating.

41. To Eileen Stewart we give the title of the best bond seller in M. H. S.

42. To Rudy Pinsky we leave our regrets that Beverly is graduating.

43. To M. H. S. we leave Ben Miles and Rudy Pinsky to keep the upper corridor spotless.

44. To John Barone we leave a position on the next year's basketball squad.

45. To Eleanor Fleming we leave a good supply of freshman boys to help her forget about a certain senior.

46. To Charles Webber we leave Mr. Shaw, who is also an ardent angler, to help him capture the big ones that are always getting away.

47. To Dorothy Lambert we leave an A1 priority rating on Stanley.

48. To Carl Hafstrom we leave a toothless comb so he may always keep his hair well groomed.

49. To the Sigma Theta girls we leave some members that will attend all meetings.

50. To Kirk Anderson we leave a reserved seat in Mr. Beaton's office in case his removal from Room 12 is permanent.

We, whose names are subscribed, do hereby certify that the Senior Class on this fifth day of May, in our presence and in the presence of each of us, declared this document to be its Last Will and Testament, and requested us, and each of us to sign our Christian names hereto as witnesses to the execution thereof, which we thereby do in the presence of the testator.

MR. U. R. IGNORANT

MR. I. M. DUMB

By the hand of their clerk,

ROBERT VICKERY

Omissions and Corrections

After I was graduated from high school, I became a war correspondent in the South Pacific area, I had many occasions to accompany flyers on reconnaissance missions. Many of these missions took us to deserted island outposts, for which the South Pacific is so well known. It was on one of these trips that we encountered a heavy storm, the plane was damaged, and we were ordered to bail out.

I finally landed safely on the ground several minutes later and discovered that I was in the midst of heavy undergrowth. I could hear sounds, though, so I made my way in the direction of the noise, which brought me to a native village. But all were not natives! There was one white man, dressed in the uniform of an American army officer, who beckoned me to where he was sitting. As I approached, I discovered him to be Francis Vaillancourt. Francis informed me that he, too, had been forced out of a plane in the same spot as I, had been taken by the natives to their village, and now he spent his furloughs with these headhunters.

BERNADINE DALEY

Class Gifts

To Elaine Bailey,
Known as Dewey's girl,
We give this flag
That she may unfurl.

To Robert Bordeaux,
The Ford dealer's son,
We give this Cadillac,
Which will always run.

To Ann Burinsky,
The girl with the answer,
We give this slipper,
So she'll *please* be a dancer.

To Shirley Caisse,
That pretty lass,
We give this shoe
To step on the gas.

To Ernest Chevalier,
Who's crazy with fun,
We give this watch,
But the darn thing won't run.

To Ralph Christian,
Who loves to play tricks,
We give this box of aspirin
In case he gets sick.

To Helen Cofsky,
We give this pen
And also this note book
To keep track of her men.

To Norris Corey,
Who hates the girls,
We give this doll
With golden curls.

To Raymond Cormier,
The jitterbug,
We give these scissors
To cut a rug.

To Dorothy Cosky,
With hair so divine,
We give this "Vitalis,"
To make it shine.

To William Cummings
Who can argue all night,
We give this edition of Webster's
To prove that he's right.

To Gloria Cuthbertson,
Who likes to sell stamps,
We give this whistle
To use when she vamps.

To Bernadine Daley,
Who fell in love with Don,
We give this picture
To remember him when he's gone.

To Theodore Doucette,
Who wants a whirl,
We give this net
To catch a girl.

To Ralph Dunn,
Whose pitching has zim,
We give this Pep
To keep him in trim.

To Claire Dupont,
The banker to be,
We give this coin
To go on a spree.

Class Gifts

To Barbara Dwinell,
Who laughs all day,
We give this ball
So she may play.

To Filomena Eramo,
Who wants a six-footer,
We give this ruler
To measure her suitor.

To Ernest Fjellman,
Who lives on the farm,
We give this flit gun
To keep him from harm.

To Doris Faron,
With the big brown eyes,
We give these goggles,
To make her look wise.

To Rita Gauvin,
Who is so neat,
We give this sailor
Who's part of the fleet.

To Paul Gibeau,
The class's Crooner,
We give this picture
Of "Frankie," the swooner.

To Ronald Gilbert,
Who likes to play pranks,
We give this car
To give a few cranks.

To Priscilla Gill,
A happy little lass,
We give this clown
To remember the class.

To Francis Gibbons,
Who hates to walk a step,
We give these Wheaties
So he'll have lots of pep.

To Robert Gilmore,
With teeth so white,
We give this tooth brush
To keep them bright.

To Barbara Graves,
Who loses curls in the rain,
We give this umbrella
To keep her from pain.

To Eileen Graves,
An Irish colleen,
We give this shamrock
Of emerald green.

To Joan Hall,
With hair to black,
We give this ribbon
To keep it back.

To Mary Jordan,
Who likes to sing,
We give this bell
That she may ring.

To John Kenny,
Who has joined the Air Corps,
We give this "Fort"
So he may soar.

To Dorothy Kruger,
Who hates the fights,
We give this book
To read on Friday nights.

Class Gifts

To Russell Lachapelle,
We give this basketball
So he'll never forget
When he was king of them all.

To Miriam Latti,
Who's going to get hitched,
We give this ball and chain
So she'll never get ditched.

To Gloria Letendre,
Who brings Mr. Shaw worms,
We give this frog
To make her squirm.

To Donald Lucas,
Who likes the C. A. P.,
We give this airplane
So happy he will be.

To Doris Lynch,
A dancer divine,
We give this ticket
To Johnny Hynes.

To Thomas Maloney,
With the flashy ties,
We give these glasses
To protect his eyes.

To Beverly Marcell,
Who can't make up her mind,
We give this knitting
To take up her time.

To Raymond McLaughlin,
So quiet and meek,
We give this mouse
That likes to squeak.

To Dorothy Mongeon,
So pretty and so sweet,
We give this iron
To give her dress a pleat.

To Virginia May,
Who is so cheerful,
We give this onion
To make her tearful.

To Robert Mongilio,
The valedictorian of the class,
We give this book
So more knowledge he can amass.

To Katherine O'Connell
We give this broom
So when she is sad
She can clean up the room,

To Frances O'Neill,
Whom nobody hears,
We give this megaphone
So we won't strain our ears.

To Eugene Perron,
The manager supreme,
We give this kit
So his patients won't scream.

To Rosanna Pescheta, our treasurer,
Who always wants dough,
We give our favorite expression
No.—No.—No.—NO!!!!!

To Angelina Pichierri,
Who's so very small,
We give these vitamins
To help her grow tall.

Class Gifts

To Alfred Rodgers,
Who dislikes the girls,
We give this comb
To comb his pretty curls.

To Janet Smith,
Who works in Fisher's,
We give this box
Of bright colored dishes.

To Beatrice Stewart,
Who is so sweet,
We give this box
Of Shredded Wheat.

To Claire Turgeon,
Who wants a soldier bad,
We give her one
To make her glad.

To Francis Vaillancourt,
A smart little guy,
We give these wings
To help him to fly.

To Roger Vayo,
With personality plus,
We give this oil
To keep him from rust.

To Robert Vickery,
Who wants to fly,
We give this plane
So he can try.

To Wanda Waszkiewicz,
Who's a soldier's girl,
We give this ring
With a genuine pearl.

To Nancy Winter,
Who is so chic,
We give this sailor
Whom she will like to meet.

To Elizabeth Witter,
Who talks so low,
We give this rope
To keep her in tow.

To Paul Zuidema,
Who hates to leave,
We give this hankie
In which to grieve.

Former Members of the Class now in the Armed Forces

Arthur Aubin
*Edward Bergstrom
Donald Bertrand
George Bombredi
Robert Cyr
Raymond Dame
Edward Devoe
Milton Dunn
George Ellstrom
Robert Foster
Elliott Hairyes
Walter Hart
Edward Krasinskas
Roland Lachance
Raymond Larosie
Robert Leary—Medical Discharge
Wallace McMahon
Harry Meehan
Francis Murphy
Dominic Poalucci
Raymond Pelletier
Joseph Riani
Donald Smith

*Missing in action

Junior Officers: ROBERT CAREY, *President;* DAVID LYNCH, *Vice-President;* VIRGINIA LYNCH, *Secretary;* EILEEN STEWART, *Treasurer.*

JUNIOR

Sophomore Officers: THOMAS HAMILTON, *President;* ROBERT LANGE, *Vice-President;* BETTY JOHNSON, *Secretary;* MERTIE ANGELL, *Treasurer.*

SOPHOMORE

Freshman Officers: EVELYN BERGSTROM, *President;* JOHN HAYES, *Vice-President;* GEORGE GALLACHER, *Secretary;* ROBERT KRUGER, *Treasurer.*

FRESHMAN

The Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Katherine Bowe, has enjoyed another successful year. Every Tuesday, third period, the club met in the high school auditorium.

The members learned many new songs during the year. They also prepared a very interesting program for the Commencement exercises in June.

The songs which they will sing are "Elfin Garden," "Thee God We Praise," and "Water Boy."

The Glee Club wishes to thank Miss Bowe for the interest she has shown and for the many enjoyable hours which she has made possible to the members of the Glee Club.

PAUL GIBEAU.

Glee Club

Dramatic Club

The Dramatic Club has enjoyed another successful year under the capable supervision of Miss Burns. At our first meeting the following officers were elected: President, Virginia Lynch; Vice-President, Rose Pescheta; Secretary, Shirley Caisse; and Treasurer, Eileen Stewart.

A dance was held October 8 in the assembly hall. On December 17 a Christmas program was given by the club. The program included the Freshman Chorus, the Choral Reading Group, and several recitations. That same evening the new members were initiated at a skating party which was held at Old Common Pond.

We, the class of 1944, wish to thank Miss Burns for the time she has spent with the Dramatic Club, and sincerely wish the club success in the future.

SHIRLEY CAISSE.

Reflector

We are very proud of the large number of classmates who have served on the *Reflector* staff. Robert Mongilio was our editor-in-chief for this year. Shirley Caisse wrote the news about school which we always found interesting. Roger Vayo wrote the sport items, and Beatrice Stewart gave us the book-reviews. Publication was in care of Rose Pescheta, Claire Turgeon, Phyllis Eramo, Eugene Perron, Doris Lynch, Claire Dupont, Russell Lachapelle, Rita Gauvin, and Nancy Winter.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Miss Grogan, Miss Walsh, and Miss O'Leary, who helped to make the *Reflector* a success.

ROBERT MONGILIO.

Reflectorette

The *Reflectorette* completed its fifth year as our school newspaper and its first year under the supervision of Miss Burns, who succeeded Miss Donovan when the latter became senior class advisor. The seniors on the staff were as follows: Miriam Latti, editor-in-chief; Dorothy Cosky and Roger Vayo, sports editors; Priscilla Gill and Ann Burinsky, feature editors; Bernadine Daly, seen and heard; Barbara Dwinell and Francis Vallancourt, news about school, and Gloria Letendre, exchange editor. The seniors thank Miss Burns, Miss Walsh, and Miss O'Leary who have helped in the publication of this paper, which has brought much enjoyment to the pupils and faculty.

Miriam Latti.

Biology Club

The Biology Club has had another successful year under the able leadership of Miss Marlborough. At the first monthly meeting the members elected the following officers: President, Virginia Lynch; Vice-President, Richard Fairbanks; Secretary, Eileen Stewart; and Treasurer, Betty Army.

In the month of November the club sponsored a football rally and dance. During the last few months the members have prepared slides on fibers, on parts of insects, and on various cells; also they have made charts on the nitrogen cycle, on foods, and on the animal kingdom. In the spring they planned nature walks to obtain early spring flowers and to obtain specimens of the lower forms of animal life. They also plan to make a balanced fresh water aquarium, learn a few principles of First Aid, dissect a Foetal Pig, prepare the skeletons of various forms of life, such as the frog, and perform regeneration experiments on newts. The club members also plan to have a special program on Arbor Day.

The seniors in the Biology Club thank Miss Marlborough for her cooperation and interest. They also wish the club success in the future.

William Cummings.

Cheering Squad

Under the capable supervision of Miss Cassidy and Mr. Kinniery, the cheering squad enjoyed a very successful year. At the beginning of the school term, the cheerleaders practiced regularly and originated many new cheers.

The members of the cheering squad are as follows: Eleanor Little, Eleanor Tolman, Dorothy Lambert, Patricia McGrath, and Elinor Fleming.

We, the cheerleaders, wish to express our sincere thanks to Miss Cassidy and to Mr. Kinniery for their help in making the Millbury cheering squad a success.

ELINOR FLEMING, '46

Aftermath

This year we have undertaken the task of presenting a yearbook that will be interesting and entertaining for all. We have prepared this book with the thought that it will serve as a reminder of the joyful days that we spent in Millbury High.

There was much to do in preparing this edition. Advertisements had to be solicited, articles had to be written, and information had to be collected, but with the co-operation of the teachers we made progress rapidly.

We have enjoyed working on this project as we have put our hearts into it, and we sincerely hope that you will enjoy the 1944 AFTERMATH.

Basketball

This year the boys' basketball team did remarkably well. Out of eight league games, it lost only one game to Grafton, on the latter's home floor. In the return engagement with Grafton, Millbury reversed the tables to nose its way into the lead. Finally by defeating Uxbridge, the Millbury boys clinched the title in the Blackstone Valley League. The squad lost two non-league games, one to Northbridge and the other to Spencer. In the second encounter, the Millbury boys defeated the Northbridge squad, thus evening the count. The boys did not have an opportunity to avenge their defeat at the hands of a fast Spencer team as the teams met only once.

The Millbury five received an invitation to play in the "Class B" title of Worcester County but was edged out of the tournament by Shrewsbury, which emerged victorious in the first game. As a tribute to the team for its splendid playing, the Athletic Association of the high school presented each boy with a maroon and gray reversible jacket.

The team wishes to thank its new coach, Mr. Favulli, and wishes him success in future years.

DONALD LUCAS.

Football

The football team enjoyed a very successful season under its new coach, Mr. Michael J. Favulli of Worcester. The team wishes to thank Coach Favulli for the training it received from him. Those seniors who are leaving regret that they had only one year to play under him; those players who remain are anticipating another happy and worthwhile football season under his able leadership.

The "Redskins" finished the season by tying Northbridge High School on Thanksgiving Day, 7 to 7. It is the first time in the history of football at Millbury High that a team has ever tied our greatest rival, Northbridge High.

The following nine senior players will be absent when the next football season rolls around: Ralph Dunn, Francis Gibbons, Russell Lachapelle, John Kenny, Robert Gilmore, Norris Corey, Donald Lucas, William Cummings, and Roger Vayo. Russell Lachapelle is now serving in the United States Navy, and John Kenny is serving in the United States Army Air Corps.

Next year's team will be forced to forego the valuable services of Eugene "Doc" Perron, who has been manager for the past four years.

From every senior comes the wish that future football teams of Millbury High will have many victories to their credit.

ROGER VAYO.

Baseball

In the second week of April, Mr. Jannery, our coach, asked all boys interested in baseball to report to him at Windle Field.

The seniors who answered this call and who will play on the team are Roger Vayo, Paul Gibeau, Donald Lucas, and Ralph Dunn. Another senior, Eugene Perron, again will serve as manager of the team, a position which he filled efficiently for the past three years.

John Kenney and Russell Lachapelle, both seniors and veteran players, enlisted in the armed forces before the baseball season got under way, so their services will be lost to the team.

Since our AFTERMATH goes to press long before the baseball season ends, we extend to Mr. Jannery our sincere wishes for a successful 1944 season.

RALPH DUNN

Girls' Basketball

The girls' basketball team resumed its activities this winter after an absence of one year, during which time the Town Hall was not available.

Immediately after the Christmas vacation, Miss Sullivan called out candidates for the team. Forty girls reported, but by a process of elimination only twenty girls remained on the squad. The senior class was represented by the following: Katherine O'Connell, Dorothy Cosky, Wanda Waskiewicz, Captain Virginia May, and Rosanna Pescheta, the manager of the team.

Although we won only three of the eight games played, we did have an enjoyable season.

Several of the girls who saw a great deal of action this year will be available next year. We, the seniors, wish them a most successful season.

We also want to thank Miss Sullivan for her patience and interest in coaching us, and we wish her success with all the future basketball teams of Millbury High School.

Virginia May

Field Hockey

The girls' field hockey team was organized in September when more than thirty girls reported to Miss Sullivan for practice.

The first team included the following: A. Credit, B. Caron, V. Lynch, M. Stockhaus, D. Vayo, G. LaBreck, E. Chapdelaine, E. Ballin, R. Boutillier, E. Fleming, M. Norton, I. Pichierri, and Captain Rosanna Pescheta, the only senior on the team.

Four games were scheduled for the season. Of these, Millbury won one, tied another, and lost two. Although the team did not win every game, the players felt that the season gave them great experience and much enjoyment.

Members of the team want to thank Miss Sullivan for her hard work and patience in coaching the team and wish her success with all future teams.

Rosanna Pescheta

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—PROBLEM OF THE HOME FRONT

World War II with its turmoil and madness has brought a number of vital problems to our country. Not the least of these is juvenile delinquency. This is not the concern of a few highly-skilled individuals; but the problem of each and every one of us, for in the children of the present lie the hopes of the future.

Just what do we mean by a "juvenile delinquent"? The law defines a delinquent as "a child between the ages of 7 and 21 years of age who violates any law of the state; or who commits any act which, if committed by an adult would be punishable; or who is incorrigible, ungovernable, habitually disobedient, and beyond the control of his parents or other persons in custodial charge."

The impersonal wording of the definition hardly conveys the misery, suffering and regrettable destruction brought about by juvenile delinquency. During the past three years most of our large cities have reported sharp increases in juvenile delinquency. New York City's cases have more than doubled in that time. From 1941-43 the number of delinquents in the state of California rose from 12,000 to 21,000. The problem is especially serious among the girls. The National Probation Association reported an increase in delinquency among girls during the past two year as 23.4 percent. These figures cover only the cases which appeared in juvenile courts. They do not consider the thousands of girls and boys who have broken minor rules, endangered their own health and moral integrity, and committed petty crimes, but, through one circumstance or another, have never appeared in court.

Most people blame the war and its attendant conditions for this situation. Some claim that it is the responsibility of working mothers. Still others point out that today's children are not getting adequate religious training. Then there are those who declare the schools have failed to give our children the proper educational background. Actually no one reason can be found to explain the problem. The causes go back too far and are too complicated to single out any one for consideration.

While a percentage of the boys and girls involved in this problem may be of low intellect, the majority started life with no such handicap. They were ordinary children capable of becoming law-abiding citizens, but somewhere along the path of their childhood, someone or something failed them. Perhaps some of these children came from a home of discord, drunkenness and constant nagging. Or perhaps it was just the opposite and the home was too elaborate and full of pretense. Perhaps it was not a home at all, but just a house where the child was unhappy. Perhaps the parents held too tight a rein; or, it may have been that the rein was too loose, so that the child was allowed unlimited liberty. Whatever the background the children of this group were not taught right from wrong or that liberty is not license.

Then war struck. Well-paying jobs were plentiful. Our boys took on the glamor of the Army, Navy and Marine uniforms. The whole country was excited by war. In the midst of it all were the children, easy victims of the chaos and hysteria.

Almost as soon as the problem was evident, the federal government, cities, towns and social groups throughout the country began devising ways for coping with the juvenile problem. Parent Teacher Associations, the Coordinating Precinct Council of Parents, religious and professional leaders worked with the police to establish recreation programs. In Seattle co-ed clubs have been formed in schools where adolescents can spend their free time. The city of Denver has appealed to parents to cooperate in providing recreation for their children. In Fitchburg, Massachusetts, the school department has opened classrooms during the late afternoons and evenings for dances, parties, and hobby classes under the supervision of trained adults. Best of all are the solutions offered by the juveniles themselves. An eighteen-year-old girl from Moline, Illinois, convinced officials of that boom town that a central "night club" equipped for dancing, athletic contests, and sports under proper supervision would be a solution. New York City has adopted this plan and established such centers in eighty-one police precincts.

A beginning has been made in mastering this problem, but every one must help. No plea for a cure is complete without appealing to the service men who are fighting to keep our country free from the customs of our enemies. So too, can they fight this problem of delinquency.

When our boys come home let us show them that our delinquency problem is no more. Parents, teachers, ecclesiastics, service men, men and women of every profession, juveniles—together we must solve this problem.

MIRRIAM LATTI

PETROLEUM IN PEACE AND WAR

Man's progress has been constantly advanced by the discovery of natural resources and the development of these resources into useful products. Due to this fact we hear about the Bronze Age, the Copper Age, and the Iron Age, titles used to indicate the periods in which these resources were first put to use for man's benefit. If a title were chosen to describe our present era, it might well be the Age of Petroleum. Man has come to depend on petroleum products as aids in peace and allies in war.

Petroleum has been known to man since 3200 B. C., but until the beginning of the twentieth century, A. D., its only value lay in its supposed powers for curing such ailments as rheumatism. With the invention of the automobile in our present century, the real history of petroleum began. As the automobile industry expanded, the petroleum industry developed. At the same time research chemists began to discover hundreds of synthetic products that could be made from this oily liquid found in the earth. Today its compounds are used in making a wide range of products varying from paints, medicines, and cosmetics to wearing apparel, insecticides and household equipment. Its value as a natural resource has so increased that it is called "black gold."

As the transportation facilities of the world changed with the advent of the automobile, the demand for better gasoline became greater. This constant search is paying dividends today. Our airplanes are now using 100 octane gasoline which gives them more speed and greater range of operation than the 91 octane gasoline produced by the Axis nations. On a thousand plane rate it is estimated that 5,000,000 more pounds of bombs can be carried by using 100 octane gas, than could be transported by using the pre-war low octane variety.

We, in the United States, are fortunate to have a large petroleum industry, for modern warfare demands vast supplies of gasoline. In the Carolina maneuvers several years ago, the United States Second Armored Division used 92,000 gallons of gasoline in one night's refuelling. A thousand plane bombing raid over the European continent by British-based planes calls for over 5,000,000 gallons of gasoline. Each great bomber carries about 3,000 gallons of gasoline on one round-trip mission. When we consider the thousands of planes flying each day, the total daily gasoline consumption must be gargantuan. Other supplies of petroleum must be used daily as lubricants in the guns and the hundreds of mechanical devices used in warfare.

Petroleum plays a part in the production of another substance equally vital in peace and war. This is the all-important rubber. Because the ambitious men of Japan have temporarily cut off our rubber trade with the East Indies, we have had to turn to synthetic rubber to supply military needs. A large part of our synthetic rubber is made from compounds derived from petroleum. Five great oil companies—Gulf, Pure, Socony-Vacuum, Texas, and Atlantic—have joined in the building of a large synthetic rubber factory in Texas. They have pooled their knowledge, patents, and plans of rubber production in order to make a success of the project. This plant is supposed to deliver 123,000 tons of synthetic rubber a year, an output which is equal to the yield from 45,000,000 rubber trees. The goal of these companies is one million tons of synthetic rubber per year. Synthetic rubber is fighting on the war front now, but it may well be useful as a post-war industry. This would open up a new field of research; a new industry for the unemployed of our country; and a domestic source of supply for our vital rubber needs.

Petroleum plays a larger part in our lives than we imagine. Consider the typical American, John Jones. The roof of his home keeps out the rain because of the shingles, made from asphalt, a by-product of petroleum. His home is warm in winter because of the oil that he burns in his stove or furnace. He travels to work in an automobile kept running by gasoline and lubricating oils that come directly from petroleum. He rides over asphalt roads made possible by the large production of this petroleum residue. The cooling system in his car may contain alcohol made from petroleum. If he carries his lunch, it will be wrapped in wax paper—the wax of which is another petroleum product. If Mrs. Jones burns her finger while cooking dinner, she may use vaseline, little dreaming that the clear, colorless compound was at one time a black greasy fluid. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones will appreciate insecticides as they harvest their victory gardens. On the world's fighting fronts, their sons will be using other petroleum products in tanks, jeeps, trucks and ambulances, in the airplanes plying the skies, and in the ships sailing the seas. In the home, in the factory, in the field, petroleum, a generous gift from Nature, is an aid in peace and an ally in war.

ROBERT MONGILIO

WEAPONS FOR COMBAT

During the early days of World War II the Allies were fighting against a highly mechanized German army with weapons that, for the most part, dated back to World War I. Since then, tremendous improvements have been made in our fighting equipment. Today our armed services are provided with some of the best weapons the world has ever seen.

Take for instance the infantryman of this war as compared with his counterpart in the last conflict. Instead of having one semi-automatic rifle firing six shots, he now carries a rifle with nine shots or an automatic weapon such as the Browning Automatic or a light sub-machine gun. He also has a 60 m.m. mortar which serves as light artillery and with which the men claim they can hit a bathtub three miles away. For heavier artillery, larger guns and howitzers ranging in caliber from 39 m.m. to 240 m.m. are used. Tanks mounting the smaller caliber guns serve as additional support.

In addition to more and better equipment the soldier of this war has the protection of airplanes which are a far cry from the "flying crates" of World War I. The modern airplane is armed with 30 and 50 caliber machine guns and cannon ranging from 20 to 75 m.m. To illustrate the power of these cannons, which can be truly called flying field pieces, there is the story of "Lil Fox" a B-25 bomber mounting 75 m.m. cannon in its nose. During its first week in action, it blew up a Jap troop transport, killed 15 Japs on the beach, shot up a Jap airport, silencing the anti-aircraft batteries protecting it, and then sank a Jap destroyer. All these achievements were carried out by the B-25 unaided. A fleet of these "Flying 75's" might well cause the enemy apprehension.

The most unusual weapons of this war are the rocket guns and bombs. Their great striking power make them ideal for low level bombing and as anti-aircraft guns. The bazooka is probably the most familiar weapon of this type. At one time during the African campaign, one man armed with a bazooka was able to capture eight tanks all by himself because the tank commander, thinking the rocket shells were exploding from a large caliber field gun, decided he was unable to resist any longer and surrendered to his lone opponent.

The British Army has evolved a combination of rocket guns for protection against low-flying enemy bombers. The British also mount this type of weapon on their new battleships and heavy cruisers in addition to the regular armament.

The Russians have developed an anti-tank gun which is made up of a number of tubes grouped together and firing their projectiles at the same time, making it almost impossible to miss the target. The Russians have also perfected the use of rocket bombs against tanks. Their methods are so effective that the Nazi tank corps call them "the black death."

With a head start over the Allies, Germany has perfected many new weapons. Probably the most unusual of these is the rocket-powered line. It is a small radio-controlled plane with a large bomb in place of a fuselage. The mother ship guides its course. It has been used with some success against shipping in the Mediterranean theater of war, but very little is known about its mechanical details because none of these small planes has fallen into Allied hands. The Germans have also developed an aerial rocket cannon which they mount under the wings of the fighters. These have been used with success to break up our bomber formations. These cannon give their fighters a longer range than those using the conventional type cannon, but they are not nearly as accurate and since they can fire only a single shot from each cannon, the firepower is greatly decreased.

The warring nations of the world are doing their utmost to perfect the weapons of war and to make our implements of destruction even more terrible and deadly than ever before. We can take comfort, however, in the thought that our soldiers, sailors, and marines are no longer fighting an enemy that has far better equipment than they have. Today, our men, fighting around the world, are using the best and most effective weapons that can be produced.

WILLIAM CUMMINGS

WOMEN'S WORK IN THE WAR

In the wrench from peace to war our country has had to meet many new challenges necessitating great transformations in the American way of life. Perhaps one of the most revolutionary of these is the change in the lives of American women. The war has called millions of them to serve their country in a variety of capacities. It has given many of them new skills and experiences which will be valuable in the postwar world. It has stimulated their interest in work outside the traditional feminine sphere of the home and the school room.

In the space of the last three years the revolution in the lives of women has been speeded up at a more rapid pace than ever before in history. Consider the fact that less than a century ago women were being admitted to the universities and colleges of this country for the first time and with great reluctance. Less than one hundred years ago women had no power over their property, their children, or even their inheritances. Only a quarter of a century ago women were given the privilege of voting. The present war has swept away hundreds of restrictions admitting women into the armed services, the factories, the shipyards, the steel mills, and the foundries. Women operate street cars, buses, cranes and tractors. Women engineers are working in the drafting rooms, and women physicists and chemists carry on necessary work in the industrial laboratories. Women serve as brakemen, conductors, and even laborers on the railroads. There is practically no job to be found that cannot be adapted for women workers.

Employment of women reached an all-time peak of 15,000,000 in 1943. In some key industries, like aircraft, the number of women has risen from nearly zero to hundreds of thousands. In aircraft plants women constitute more than a third of the workers; in some individual plants more than half. In the production of communications equipment 58 percent of the workers are women; in making scientific instruments, women total 43 percent.

Thousands of women have joined the armed services—the WAVES, SPARS, WACS, and Marine Corps—submitting with eagerness to the regimentation of service life. The Air Force offers women positions with the WAFS, Women's Auxiliary Flying Squadron, in which women ferry planes from factories and airfields to shipping points within the borders of the nation. No account of women in war would be complete without mentioning the army and navy nurses, who endure the hardships and dangers of the field along with our service men, and to whom no sacrifice of personal safety and comfort is too much. Other women have joined the Red Cross units to provide recreation, food, and comfort for our fighting men.

It is hardly necessary to enumerate the thousands of tasks performed by the women who maintain the Home Front. It is their prosaic but vital job to provide care for the children, maintain comfortable homes for their families, manage their rationed foods and keep healthy nutritious food standards. In addition they are engaged in Civilian Defense and Red Cross work, and help out at U. S. O. lounges and canteens; they collect tin cans, kitchen fats, and paper. Perhaps most important of all, they keep up morale by keeping the Home Front as normal and cheerful as possible.

In the industrial life of our country the prejudice against women on the part of both management and labor, although still present, has decreased under the pressure of necessity. We speak humorously of "Rosie the Riveter," but Rosie and her friends are doing a magnificent job for all of us. The work they perform is not always according to the ladylike tradition. Many of them are to be found in the shipyards working in the shops or in the ways, walking narrow planks high up on the scaffolding, crawling with their welding equipment through small openings within the hull of the ships or scaling ladders to great heights.

In the aircraft plants women work at drills, milling machines, small and medium-sized punch presses, electrical assembling and hundreds of other necessary occupations. In the agricultural sections of the country women workers are the rule rather than the exception. Vast armies of women have helped to plant, tend and harvest the crops that have fed us and our fighting men. Other women work at dangerous tasks among explosives in our ammunition plants; still others show their skill in performing delicate operations necessary in the production of gun parts.

While the WAVES, the Army Nurse, the shipyard and aircraft workers, and the Red Cross girls are frequently cited in the news for their contribution to the war effort, there are thousands of other women keeping on at their daily jobs in offices, school rooms, libraries, stores and homes throughout the country, each one doing her part as best she can. Up and down the land and across the seas, wherever men of our Army, Navy, or Marine Corps are stationed, American women are helping to bring the day of victory closer.

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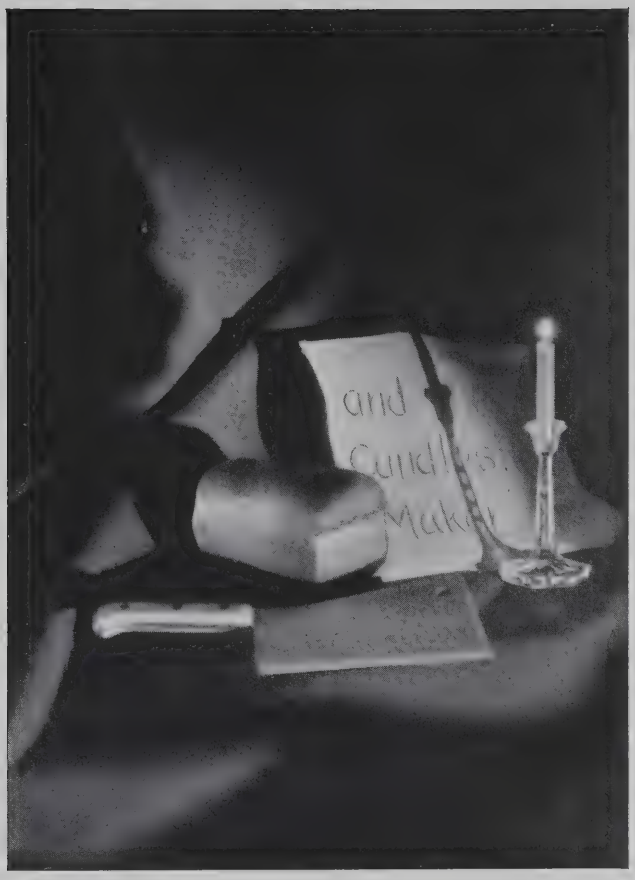

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